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Title:	DUAL DENSITY FILTER CARTRIDGE		

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

As this application was filed after June 30, 2003 (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i)), and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) and §1.98(d), copies have been provided only for those foreign patent documents or other documents listed on the enclosed Form 1449 that have not previously been cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in parent application U.S. Serial No. 10/037,260 filed on November 7, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,692,637 B2 issued on February 17, 2004.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a

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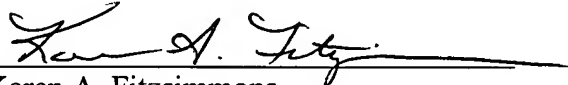
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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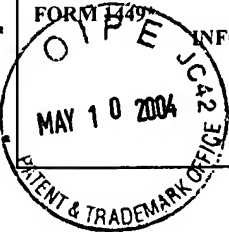
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
		Exhibit A, "External Self-Priming Power Filter PRIME10," <i>hydor</i> ®, 8 pgs (Date: publicly known prior to November 7, 2001).					
		Exhibit B, "Penn-Plax® Cascade™ 200 Power Filter, 8 pgs. (Date Unknown).					



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